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SUBJECT: CHANGE IN EFFECTIVE PERIODS FOR WTDR'S

REF;D: (A) STATE A-420 (B) JIDDA A-27

- 1. COMMERCE CANNOT AGREE TO EMBASSY JIDDA'S SUGGESTION OF SUBMITTING A "NO CHANGE IN STATUS" MESSAGE (REF B). WHILE POINT IS WELL TAKEN, THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF MAINTAINING WTDR'S ON MICROFILM AND VOLUME OF REPORTS PROCESSED PREVENTS UPDATING SPECIFIC REPORT ITEMS.
- 2. ALLOWING EXCEPTIONS TO THE 12-MONTH VALIDITY PERIOD WOULD ONLY RESULT IN A DIMINUTION OF THIS VALUABLE SERVICE TO U.S. EXPORTERS AND CAUSE CONFUSION AS TO MULTIPLE VALIDITY DATES FOR EXCEPTED COUNTRIES.
- 3. WHILE MANY ITEMS OF INFORMATION IN A WTDR MAY NOT CHANGE IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD, COMMERCE'S EXPERIENCE IS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SUFFICIENT CHANGES DO OCCUR TO JUSTIFY UNIVERSAL PROCEDURE OF PREPARING COMPLETE REPORT WHEN UPDATE REQUESTED BY U.S. EXPORTERS. MANY U.S. FIRMS REQUEST NEW REPORTS ON ESTABLISHED TRADING PARTNERS TO OBTAIN AN OBJECTIVE AND CURRENT READING ON THE FIRM'S PROGRESS. ADDITIONALLY, EACH

WTDR SERVES AN IMPORTANT SECONDARY BENEFIT IN TERMS OF

INPUT TO COMMERCE'S COMPUTERIZED FOREIGN TRADERS INDEX WHICH IS UTILIZED TO SERVICE THE MANY REQUESTS WE RECEIVE FOR TRADE CONTACT LISTS. THE CREDIBILITY OF THESE SERVICES WILL BE DIMINISHED IF COMMERCE PROVIDES LISTS BASED ON OUTDATED INFORMATION. VANCE

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